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SUBJECT: SCIENCE WITH AFRICA CONFERENCE, ADDIS ABABA

¶1. Summary. The UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) in collaborat

¶2. The Conference brought together over 700 people including African an
Africa - a Sleeping "Giant"

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¶3. The 2007 AU Heads of States summit in Addis Ababa specifically calle

¶4. A number of presenters focused on the economic potential of Africa b

¶5. However, Africa's prevailing challenges by far out-weigh its tacit p

¶6. One presenter described Africa's grim condition as follows: "Africa

¶7. Most presenters cited the fact that science and technology research

¶8. Overall, the Science with Africa conference provided a very vital fo

Investing in Science isn't an Option

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¶9. Almost all presentations cited a strong correlation between the size

¶10. Also noted was that Africa needs to benefit from a harmonized IP re

¶11. Presenters consistently drove home the point that knowledge of scie

Way Forward

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¶12. The Conference recommended that ECA and AUC in collaboration with i

¶13. Specific recommendations, action points can be found at: <http://ww>

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